Mr. I. N. Menon.—The play-ground in that Fish Curing Yard was once definitely suggested as suitable. Then the difficulty arose and the Headmaster's opinion was taken. He said that it was too small and the surroundings were not sufficiently healthy and that there were other grounds suitable for this purpose to the north of the school. Then the cost of the acquisition was ascertained which was declared to be prohibitive because it ran up to Rs. 16,000. Efforts have been made, and I can assure the Hon'ble Member that the question of play-grounds is one which is exercising our attention not merely for the school at Narakkal but for all High schools and Lower Secondary schools in the State.

Works under Panchayats.

90. Mr. Paul Mampilli.— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the work mentioned as item serial No. 447 under "2—C. Contribution to Village Panchayats" is carried out;

(b) if not, why was it not carried out?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) The most important item of the work, viz., construction of a bridge, has been carried out with the provision in B. I. 447/1106. The remaining items will be attended to next year.

(b) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to (a).

Pay—Sub-Assistant Surgeons.

91. Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) why, Sub-Assistant Surgeons, should not be allowed, in view of the nominal increase in pay granted to them, under the revised scheme (Order in C. No. 89 of 1101 M. E., dated 25th March 1930), to draw the maximum scheduled pay (Rs. 60—4—120), calculated in accordance with the number of years served as on the date of the said reorganisation;

(b) will the Government be pleased to state what the additional cost, per year, would be if the proposal made in para (a) supra, were to be given effect to?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) It is not usual to give effect to revision in the manner suggested. Further the cost would be prohibitive.

(b) Rs. 13,539.

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Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—May I know, Sir, whether there are not 38 Sub-Assistant Surgeons now in service according to the Code?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—There are 45.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—In the light of the Government order referred to in this question C. No. 89/01 is it not intended that those who are adversely affected should be compensated by personal allowance to that extent? Have any of these Sub-Assistant Surgeons been awarded any personal allowance in pursuance of this order?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—No one has suffered.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—Am I to take it that the revision on the new scale has not prejudicially affected the Sub-Assistant Surgeons?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—In some cases.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—May I know why a personal allowance is not granted?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—But it will be in the progressive scale of pay. They will not suffer. Later on they will get the benefit of the increase of pay in course of time.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—May I know when they will get the increased maximum?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—They may reach the maximum a little later.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.— May I know whether that is not prejudicially affecting their rights under the contemplation of the Government order?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It will take time. Steps will be taken.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—(b) Rs. 13,539. That would be in regard to the 45 Sub-Assistant Surgeons now in service?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—May I know whether the increase of roughly Rs. 1,000 upon 45 Surgeons is considered to be extravagant?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The total for the year would come to Rs. 14,216 inclusive of leave allowance.

Mr. A. Sankara Puduval.—Is this cost to compensate those Sub-Assistant Surgeons—this Rs. 1,000 and odd?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—It is not 1,000 and odd it is 14,216.

Metal collection by the road side.

92. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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